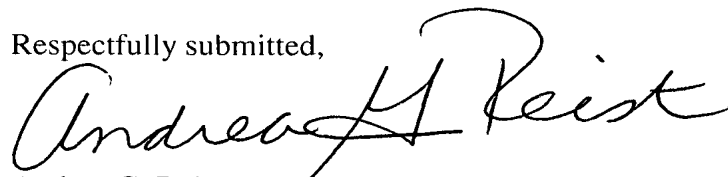


**Conclusion**

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea G. Reister". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrea" and last name "Reister" clearly distinguishable.

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